

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that claim 1 was identified as "previously presented," with markings, in the previous Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, and that claim 1 should be identified as "(currently amended)." Applicant submits this Response in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

Applicants respectfully request a full Office Action on the merits.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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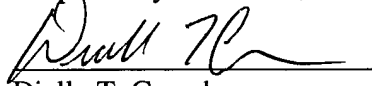
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Respectfully submitted,



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